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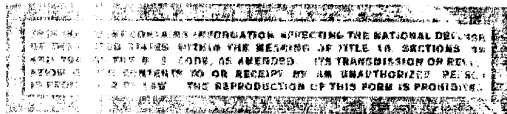
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The OP of Soviet Army units in East Germany showed no changes except for local alterations in the area of the 26th Tank Div. A reevaluation of the organization and armament of artillery and tank units of Soviet combat units resulted in a confirmation of structural changes which had long been observed. Providing the addition of supporting arms and supplementary weapons, the changes make possible an independent conduct of battle by divisions and regimental combat groups. Winter exercises at regiment and division level began about 10 February 1953 and ended about 1 March, with intensified short-term combat firing by infantry, artillery and tank units continued during the weeks that followed. Surreal firing practices at the WUSTROW troop training grounds started in mid-February and special engineer exercises on the Elbe River in the DESSAU and WITTENBERG area started in March. It is expected that the divisions will soon be transferred to the troop training grounds.

GERMANY.Order of Battle.

1. Available reports received during the period from 1 March to 1 April 1953 confirms the following units with their permanent post, [ ] and last date of observation:

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a. GOFG Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG).

10th How Arty Brig [ ]

ALTENGRAU

18 February

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124th Hvy How Arty Brig [ ]

BRANDENBURG

30 November

32d AAA Div [ ]

FRANKFURT/Oder  
KUESTEIN

November

b. Eighth Guards Army.

173d AAA Regt [ ]

WEIMAR

2 March

270th Hvy Tank SP Regt [ ]

GLAUCHAU

5 March

18th Army AT Arty Brig [ ]

ALTEMBERG

2 March

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316th RL Regt  
 497th AAA Regt  
 936th Gds How Arty Regt  
 87th Gun Arty Regt  
 65th Gds Mecz Regt  
 66th Gds Mecz Regt  
 67th Gds Mecz Regt  
 36th (?) Tank Regt  
 68th Gds Hv Tank  
 SP Regt  
 172d Gds How Arty Regt  
 2504th Gds AAA Regt  
 An Engr Bn of the XXIX  
 Gds Mtz Rifle Corps  
 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt  
 655th How Arty Regt  
 Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div

SAALFELD 27 February  
 RUDOLSTADT 2 March  
 OHRDRUF 20 February  
 PLAUEN 25 February  
 WEIMAR 4 March  
 JENA 2 March  
 ZEITZ 5 March  
 ZEITZ 4 March  
 JENA 2 March

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JENA 4 March  
 JENA 2 March  
 NAUMBURG 13 February

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NAUMBURG 2 March  
 NAUMBURG 1 March  
 HALLE 26 February

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c. Third Shock Army.

20th Army AT Arty Brig  
 Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div  
 594th Mtz Rifle Regt  
 286th Gds Mtz Rifle  
 Regt  
 940th AA Bn  
 58th Mecz Regt

FRANDENBURG 1 March  
 STENDAL November  
 STENDAL 15 November  
 SCHWERIN 15 February

SCHWERIN 15 February  
 PERLEBERG 26 February

d. Second Guards Mechanized Army.

Hq 12th Gds Tank Div  
 19th Mecz Regt  
 35th Mecz Regt  
 37th Mecz Regt

NEURUPPIN 27 February  
 DOEBERITZ 10 March  
 DOEBERITZ 20 January  
 DOEBERITZ 20 January

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e. Third Guards Mechanized Army.

Army Hq  
 Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div  
 47th Gds Mecz Regt  
 48th Gds Mecz Regt  
 49th Gds Mecz Regt  
 469th Gds How Arty Regt  
 53d Gds Tank Regt

FORST ZINNA 10 November  
 JUETERFOG 17 November  
 JUETERFOG 24 November  
 JUETERFOG 21 November  
 JUETERFOG 20 November  
 JUETERFOG 19 November  
 WITTENBERG 26 November

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f. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army.

17th Gds Mecz Regt  
 5th Gds Mtrcl Bn

ELERSWALDE 13 January  
 FUERSTENWALDE 2 November

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Change of Quarters.

2. In early March, the elements of the 25th Tank Div which had been stationed in the concentration camp and Panzer Kaserne, Sachsenhausen, near ORANIENBURG, were transferred to Camp VOGELSANG at the TEMPLIN troop training grounds. Some of the troops apparently moved into the new barracks installations which have been under construction since the summer of 1952. The vacated quarters in ORANIENBURG were occupied by the KVP. A headquarters of 300 to 400 men, which may be subordinate directly to the Hq GOFG, arrived in the restricted Weisse

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Stadt Settlement in ORANIENBURG from the U.S.S.R. on 24 March. Unconfirmed reports indicated that the soldiers wore topographical service insignia.

#### Organization.

3. Discrepancies between regular reports and the organizations carried made it necessary to reevaluate the organization and armament of various artillery and tank units of the Soviet forces in East Germany on the basis of all pertinent information available since 1951. As the indications of structural changes are insufficient to allow definite conclusions, the following data are only tentative. The reevaluation showed that the reorganization and rearmament was not uniform with all units and, depending on numerous factors, in some instances made apparently only slow progress. Only some of the units of the armored command, for example, apparently, have the planned standard organization, while others still have the organization they received after the end of the war.<sup>1</sup>

#### Assumed New Organization of the Artillery Units.

##### a. AAA Regiments of Tank and Mechanized Divisions And of Motorized Rifle Corps:

3 batteries, each of 4 x 37-mm AA guns (or, possibly, 2 batteries of 6 x 37-mm AA guns each)

2 batteries, each of 4 x 85-mm AA guns (some of them, however, having up to 16 x 85-mm AA guns)

1 AA machine gun company of 16 x 127-mm AA machine guns

Total wartime strength: about 480 men.

##### b. AAA Battalions of Motorized Rifle Divisions:

2 batteries, each of 6 x 37-mm AA guns

1 battery of 4 x 85-mm AA guns

Total wartime strength: about 300 men.

##### c. Artillery Regiments of Mechanized Divisions:

2 battalions, each of three batteries of 4 x 122-mm field howitzers each

1 battery of 6 x 76.2-mm ZIS-3 field guns (or, possibly, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun to each 122-mm howitzer battery)

Wartime strength: about 670 men.

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d. Artillery Regiments of Tank Divisions:

1 battalion with 3 batteries of 4 x 122-mm field howitzers  
each

Wartime strength: 240 men;

1 battalion of 3 batteries each of 4 x 76.2-mm ZIS-3 field guns

Wartime strength: 220 men.

Wartime strength of the regiment: about 550 men.

e. Mortar Regiments of Tank and Mechanized Divisions:

There are two possibilities:

(a) 2 battalions, each of 3 batteries with 6 x 120-mm mortars  
to each battery

battalion strength: 230 men;

1 battalion of 3 batteries, each of 4 x 160-mm mortars

battalion strength: 250 men.

Wartime strength of regiment: about 820 men.

(b) 1 battalion of 3 batteries of 6 x 120-mm mortars each;

1 battalion of 3 batteries of 4 x 160-mm mortars each;

Wartime strength: about 600 men.

[ ] possibility (a) is favored by  
the number of weapons reported, while possibility (b) is favored  
by strength estimates and motor vehicle [ ]

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Assumed New Organizations of Tank Units.

a. Heavy Tank and SP Regiments of Tank Divisions:

2 heavy tank battalions with 21 JS-3 tanks each;

1 medium tank company with 16 T-34 tanks (possibly, even a medium  
tank battalion)

1 SP battalion with 21 SU-100 or JSU-122 or JSU-249

Wartime strength of the regiment: about 1,310 men.

b. Heavy Tank and SP Regiments of Mechanized Divisions:

2 heavy tank battalions, each of 21 JS-3 tanks (possibly 1 battalion  
with 21 medium T-34  
tanks)

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1 SP battalion with 21 SU-100 or JSU-249s

1 medium tank company with 10 T-34 tanks (?)

Wartime strength of the regiment: about 1,300 men.

c. Heavy Tank and SP Regiments of Motorized Rifle Armies:

1 heavy tank battalion with 23 JS-3 tanks

1 medium tank battalion with 21 T-34 tanks

1 SP battalion with 21 JSU-152s

1 SP battalion with 21 JSU-249s

Wartime strength of regiment: about 1,430 men.

d. Medium Tank Regiments of Tank Divisions:

2 medium tank battalions with 21 T-34 tanks each

1 heavy tank battalion with 21 JS-3 tanks (in some cases still in existence as third medium tank battalion)

Wartime strength of regiment: about 1,300 men.

e. Medium Tank Regiments of Mechanized Divisions:

3 medium tank battalions, each with 21 T-44 tanks (in some cases still without the third battalion which is provided for only by the wartime T.O.)

1 SP battalion with 21 JSU-152s

Wartime strength still, 1,480 men.

f. Self-Propelled Batteries of Motorized Rifle Regiments of Motorized Rifle Divisions:

With the Eighth Gds Army, probably 1 self-propelled artillery battery with 6 SU-76s to each regiment;  
with the Third Shock Army, presumably 1 tank company with T-34 tanks to each regiment.

Training.

4. Winter exercises at regiment up to division level which were observed in February 1953 were completed by early March 1953, with all units involved having returned to their post. Additional information on these exercises which were mentioned in the monthly report of February 1953 is compiled in Annex 1 of the present report.<sup>2</sup> Back at the post, the units resumed individual training in the barracks installations and at the garrison training grounds. It appears that final inspections of recruits were made about mid-March 1953 and were followed by preparations

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for the transfer of the units to the summer training grounds. Numerous reports on transportation, whose credibility is again confirmed by reports from dispatching and receiving stations indicated intensified combat firing by tank, artillery and AAA units. The troops involved did not occupy the permanent camps at the troop training grounds but bivouacked in tent camps near the firing ranges. For detailed information on combat firing, see Annex 1 and Annex 2. Special firing ranges for individual branches of service used in addition to troop training grounds permanently occupied by the same divisions included:

LETZLING HEATH, NEUSTRELITZ area, WERDER-MARKENDORF:	tanks
ALTENGRABOW and JUETERBOG:	light artillery, rocket launchers, mortars, light AAA
ALTENGRABOW:	heavy artillery
WUSTROW:	medium AAA
MUEHLBERG northwest of RIESA:	engineer troops (First Gds Motor Army)
Area east of WITTENBERG:	engineer troops (Third Gds Motor Army)
Area west of Dessau:	engineer troops (Eighth Gds Motor Army)

#### Transportation.

5. As compared with the preceding month, the traffic situation on the East German railroad slightly improved. The backlog of undispatched cars dropped to normal. The number of damaged railroad cars amounted to 1,000 units, i.e. about one fifth of the total park available. This percentage must be considered as unusually high. Most of the traffic accidents reported were caused by rail breakages due to worn out material. Other accidents were the fault of insufficiently trained railroad personnel. Although locomotives and rolling stock had to be utilized to the utmost limit, special transportation operations necessitated by the movement of troops or increased coal imports were handled without major difficulties.
6. In March, railroad coal reserves slightly increased. On 17 March, total coal stocks available were adequate for 7.8 days' requirements. However, it must be taken into consideration that, due to milder weather, the daily coal consumption quota could be reduced from 24,240 to 20,000 tons.
7. As in the two previous months, rail traffic through East German border stations was slight.

Special transportation operations observed included:

- a. Increased coal imports from Upper Silesia.

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- b. Dispatch to the U.S.S.R. of heavy-duty flatcars and gondola cars fitted with boards which indicate imminent tank shipments and shipments of military equipment from the U.S.S.R. to East Germany. The first minor tank shipments arrived in late February and early March.
8. The previously reported railroad construction projects were continued. Delays in the execution of these projects resulted from a shortage of construction materials. Major projects in process of execution, completed or planned, included:
- Establishment of railroad check points around BERLIN and on the boundary between West and East BERLIN;  
the construction of the second track on the FALKENBERG-FINSTERWALDE-KOLKWITZ-Sued railroad line which was completed;  
improvement of the FUERSTENBERG/ODER railroad station which serves the Foundry Combine East;  
construction of the SACARD-GLOWE branch line in connection with the Ruegenhafen naval project;  
the reconstruction of the DUCHEROW-ANLIECK railroad line and of the railroad bridge over the Peene River which is planned for 1954 and will serve the naval base in SWINEMUENDE;  
the staking off of the course of the Westring BERLIN which was started between MICHENDOPF and WILDPARK;  
construction work on the bridge over the Neisse River which was started.
9. Miscellaneous.
- a. The establishment of VP transportation control headquarters continued in all of the eight railroad districts.
- b. According to latest information, railroad operations, road traffic and shipping are to be centrally controlled by a newly established Council of Traffic headed by Professor Dr. Feingruber, at present East German Minister of Traffic.
- c. Due to a shortage of materials, the February locomotive repair program was only 87 percent fulfilled.

Supply.

10. Supplementary information received in the meantime indicated that a total of 253 railroad carloads of ammunition arrived in East Germany in January 1953. In February, a total of 239 carloads was shipped to Germany. It is believed that the increased ammunition shipments served to replenish ammunition depots whose stocks had been decreased by winter maneuvers. However, it appears that ammunition shipments dropped again in March. The arrival of tanks was observed for the first time after October 1952. Almost all of these tanks were dispatched to places where tank repair shops are located. It is therefore believed that they were completely overhauled in the U.S.S.R. Apart from the arrival of a total of 117 trucks, military supply traffic was normal in February 1953.

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The transfer of KVPD 2735 from MEININGEN-SUHL to the area south of ANNABERG was confirmed. The unit is quartered in HUTWEIDE near FAERENSTEIN and NIEDERSCHLAG, south of BAERENSTEIN. It retained its cover No 2735 and was referred to by deserters as mechanized unit Baerenstein. During the first half of March, major contingents of the KVPD GROSSENHAIN occupied the Sachsenhausen concentration camp near ORANIENBURG which had been vacated by the Soviets. It could not be determined whether the entire cadre unit from GROSSENHAIN was transferred to ORANIENBURG. KVPD 9110, the guard battalion of the KVP, was transferred from BERLIN-TREPTOW to BERLIN-BIESDORF on 10 January 1953. The bulk of the other units and schools of the KVP was confirmed at the posts.

12. Armeegruppe Nord.

It is possible that the units of Armeegruppe Nord which have been at winter posts since October 1952 started returning in mid-March. The only indications to this effect, however, were VP troop traces and several other reports. The division PRENZLAU was to be assembled in the area of GROSS-STALLBERG-DROEGEHEIDE by 1 April 1953.

13. New Armeegruppen.

It can be considered confirmed that new Armeegruppen headquarters, camouflaged as territorial administrations, were established in DRESDEN-LEIPZIG and DESSAU-KOCHSTEDT. These headquarters have cover designations, namely Unit 3000 for DRESDEN, Unit 5000 for DESSAU and Unit 6000 for LEIPZIG. This corresponds to previous practice inasmuch as Armeegruppe Nord which was established in PASEWALK in the summer of 1952 first became known as Unit 4000. The new Armeegruppen include the following cadre units:

DRESDEN, with the KVPDs in ZITTAU, LOBEAU, GROSSENHAIN, FRANKENBERG, BAERENSTEIN and GERA.

LEIPZIG, with the KVPDs in TORGAU, LEIPZIG I, LEIPZIG II, WEISSE FELS (?), ERFURT and GOTHA.

DESSAU, with the KVPDs in DESSAU-KOCHSTEDT, HALLE (?), MUEHLHAUSEN, BURG, FRANDENBURG-HOHENSTUECKEN and SCHWERIN-STERNEBUCHHOLZ, and presumably ORANIENBURG.

These 18 or 19 cadre units have a present average strength of 2,000 men each. It is not yet known whether the 3 new Armeegruppen already have army troops or whether army troops are being activated. The number of full divisions which will be established from these 18 cadre units can only later be determined. However, if it is assumed that the three new Armeegruppen will have the same organization as Armeegruppe Nord, it can be expected that 3 mechanized and 6 rifle divisions will be activated. Deserter statements indicated that the cadre units in BAERENSTEIN, ERFURT, LEIPZIG I and II, GROSSENHAIN and BRANDENBURG-HOHENSTUECKEN received the designation mechanized unit and were organized in the same way as the mechanized division in EGGESIN. This leads to the conclusion that the establishment of 2 or 3 mechanized divisions was planned.

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14. Schools and Training.

The following are additional training installations:

- In ERFURT: officer school for supply, technical tank officer school, and officer school for SP artillery training
- In DRESDEN: school for heavy artillery
- In ZEITHAIN: tank NCO school
- In WUENSDORF: course for tank mechanics within the Soviet central repair shop for tanks

The increased number of schools for tank and SP gun training is noteworthy. With the tank officer school PRIEMERWALD included, a total of 5 schools and courses for tank and mechanized troops in existence. Reports received indicated that, in March 1953, several units of the KVP, especially Armeegruppe Nord, was to conduct firing practice with live ammunition with artillery, AAA and mortars.

the 1952/1953 training program for the entire KVP was as follows:

- a. Start of the training year in December 1952, and end in November 1953;
- b. Winter training:
  - (1) First phase, individual training from December 1952 until and including January 1953
  - (2) Second phase, training at group and platoon level from February to late April 1953
- c. Summer training:
  - (1) First phase, training at platoon and company level in May and June 1953;
  - (2) Second phase, training at company and battalion level in July and August 1953;
  - (3) Third phase, training at battalion and regiment level from September until November 1953.

15. Top Organization.

The military top organization appears stabilized since November 1952, after it had undergone numerous organization changes in the summer and fall of 1952. The following essential points were discerned:

- a. The structure of the military command posts, in its essential parts, is that of the Soviet Ministry of Defense.
- b. Willi Stoph holds the rank of Minister of National Forces. The following persons with the rank of deputy ministers are subordinate to him:

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- Lieutenant General Vincenz Mueller, as chief of staff
- Lieutenant General Rudolf Doelling, as deputy PE
- Lieutenant General Karl Heinz Hoffmann, as deputy army
- Lieutenant General (vice admiral) Waldemar Verner, as deputy navy
- Lieutenant General Heinz Kessler, as deputy air
- State Secretary Willi Mayer, as deputy supply.
- c. Sections subordinate to chief of staff Lieutenant General Vincenz Mueller include:
- Operation administration with Major General Kurt Wagner
- Signal administration with Colonel Georg Reimann
- Motorization of tank and mechanized troops with Major General Arndt von Lenski
- Motor vehicle administration with Lieutenant Colonel Erich Regauer
- Artillery armament administration with Colonel Arthur Kunath
- Ordnance administration with Major General Hans Wulz
- Engineer administration with Colonel Otto Fraessdorf
- Reconnaissance administration with Lieutenant Colonel Schaebe (Gnu)
- Cadre administration with Major General Munschke (fnu)
- Recruiting administration with Colonel Goehringer (fnu)
- Railroad transportation administration with Colonel Watzdorf (fnu)
- Also in existence are some additional smaller administrations and headquarters sections. Major General Bernhard Dechler is deputy chief of staff.
- d. The following sections are subordinate to the deputy supply:
- Rear Service administration with Major General Heinrich Heitsch
- Supply administration with Lieutenant Colonel Hart Holland
- Clothing administration with Lieutenant Colonel Krug or Klug (fnu)
- Construction administration with Colonel Horst Praessler
- Quartering administration with Lieutenant Colonel Johannes Rocklitzer
- Procurement administration with Bernhard Koppatsch
- Technical administration with Linke
- Fuel lubrication administration with an unidentified person.
- e. Subordinate to the deputy army are the military training installation administration with Major General Johnne (fnu) and the training and inspection administration with Major General Helmut Boruffka.

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A comparison of the above data with the organization of the former HVA (HVKKVP) shows that all important sections formerly subordinate to Lieutenant General Karl Heinz Hoffmann, chief of HVA, were placed under the control of the Ministry of Defense.

#### 16. Recruiting Offices.

The establishment of Bezirks-Registrier-Verwaltungen (district registration offices) as control agencies for propaganda and recruitment was confirmed. All recruiting offices were occupied by military personnel. The organization preparations preceding the introduction of universal military service are believed completed.

#### 17. Deactivation of the Dienst fuer Deutschland (DfD).

The organization Dienst fuer Deutschland which was employed in military construction work in the PASEWALK area was dissolved in February 1953, and its camps were taken over by units of Armeegruppe Nord. A total of about 12,000 young men have thus been made available for industries and agriculture and for service with the Nationalarmee.

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#### 18. Order of Battle.

Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div  
44th Gds Mecz Regt  
127th Tank Bn/44th Gds  
Mecz Regt  
45th Gds Mecz Regt  
128th Tank Bn/45th Gds  
Mecz Regt  
46th Gds Mecz Regt  
129th Tank Bn/46th Gds  
Mecz Regt  
106th Gds Hv Tank SP  
Regt  
Hq 96th Gds Mtz Rifle  
Div  
287th Gds Mtz Rifle  
Regt  
150th Gds Tank SP Regt  
  
1336th AAA Regt  
1348th AAA Regt  
27th Gds Tank Regt/17th  
Gds Mecz Div  
87th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt/  
2d Gds Mecz Div

MOEDLING	16 November
VIENNA	14 January
VIENNA	9 December
TRAIISKIRCHEN	23 January
TRAIISKIRCHEN	4 January
KLOSTERNEUBURG	9 January
KLOSTERNEUBURG	7 January
VIENNA-KAGRAN	11 January
ST. POELTEN	6 January 25X1
URFAHR (?)	19 January
ST. POELTEN,	8 December
Camp Spratzern	
KORNEUBURG	9 January
STOCKERAU	27 October
SZOMPATHELY (?)	11 January
Hungary	13 September

#### 19. Training.

It was repeatedly observed that troop units were transferred from their posts to exercises or firing practice at troop training grounds.

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during the second half of February and the first half of March. For instance, the rocket launcher battalion, presumably of the 1st Gds Mecz Div, departed from HAINBURG on 19 February and appeared to have been back at the post on 10 March. The 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was entrained in EISENSTADT on 3 March and, presumably, went to the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds. Another train bound for DOELLERSHEIM on 4 March carried a unit which had been loaded in FRUCK on the Leitha River and may have been a component of the 15th Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div. The APETLON AAA range has been occupied by AAA units including 37-mm AAA since early March. The NEUSIEDLER Lake and adjacent terrain were cordoned off until 25 April because of firing practice. As reports indicated that elements of the 23d AAA Div in KORNEUFURG and STOCKERAU have been absent from their post since the beginning of March, it can be assumed that these are engaged in firing at APETLON.

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20. [redacted] new units in the U.S.S.R. for the first time since World War II. 25X1

a. [redacted] V appeared in Stanislaw, Carpathian MD, on 16 November 1952. During World War II, [redacted] belonged to the 295th Rifle Regt of the 183d Rifle Div. The division has been subordinate to the Thirty-Eighth Army since January 1944 and carries the names Kharkov and Lemberg. As the Hq Thirty-Eighth Army is in command in the Carpathian MD, it is possible that the 183d Rifle Div, too, is stationed in the Stanislaw area. 25X1

b. [redacted] appeared in Pisk, Altaiskii Krai, West Siberian MD. During World War II, [redacted] belonged to the 1029th Rifle Regt of the 198th Rifle Div. [redacted] The division was subordinate to the Forty-Second Army at the Courland Front by the end of the war. No information is available indicating that the division is now stationed in the West Siberian MD. 25X1

21. [redacted] the 43d Gds Arty Regt, [redacted] of the 15th Gds Rifle Div in Vladimir-Volynski, Carpathian MD, until 20 August 1952, and the 30th Gds Rifle Regt, [redacted] of the 8th Gds Rifle Div in Klooga (sic), Estonian S.S.R., Leningrad MD, until December 1952. 25X1

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Annex 1: Present location and activity of units.

Annex 2: Occupation of troop training grounds in March 1953.

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21. [redacted] the 43d Gds Arty Regt, [redacted] of the 15th Gds Rifle Div in Vladimir-Volynski, Carpathian MD, until 20 August 1952, and the 30th Gds Rifle Regt, [redacted] of the 8th Gds Rifle Div in Klooga (sic), Estonian S.S.R., Leningrad MD, until 1 December 1952. 25X1

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Annex 1: Present location and activity of units.  
Annex 2: Occupation of troop training grounds in March 1953.

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Present Location of Divisions and Independent Unitsin East Germany.

Group or Army	Unit	Activity and Location	
GOPG	6th Arty Div: 18th How Arty Brig [ ]	On 19 and 20 March, road movements to practices or combat firing practice to ALTENGRABOW; on 22 and 23 March, return of presumably [ ]	25X1 25X1
	10th How Arty Brig [ ]	From 14 to 17 February engaged in maneuvers of the XXIX Cds Rifle Corps in the GERA-ZEITZ-LOSSA area; return in 3 shipments on 18 February [ ]	25X1 25X1
	124th Hv How Arty Brig [ ]	In mid-March, presumably in ALTENGRABOW as was the 18th How Arty Brig (US); return in 4 shipments [ ]	25X1 25X1
	65th Mort Brig [ ]	From 14 to 21 February engaged in winter maneuver of the 8th Mecz Div in the GRIMMA-RIESE area, with 2 shipments going to, and 2 shipments coming from, the training area [ ] elements moved to ALTENGRABOW on 19 and 20 March; 1 shipment returned on 22 March, [ ]	25X1 25X1
	25th RL Brig	From 25 to 28 February, engaged in a winter maneuver of the 9th Mecz Div in the COTTBUS-JUETERBOG area; 2 shipments [ ] returned; elements moved to ALTENGRABOW by road on 19 and 20 March; [ ]	25X1 25X1
	34th Arty Div [ ]	From 3 to 6 March, combat firing practice at ALTENGRABOW: 8 trains, [ ] went as [ ] while 5 trains, [ ] and 5 [ ] returned; road movement to JUETERBOG for combat firing on 17 March; 11 trains. [ ]	25X1 25X1 25X1

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Group or Army	Unit	Activity and Location	
GOFG	4th AT Artv Frig [ ]	In February and mid-March, presumably combat firing, possibly in the area of Rostocker Heide; three return shipments passed through STRALSUND on 14 and 15 March.	25X1
	3d Gds AT Arty Frig	Probably, at the post.	
	2d Gds AAA Div	From 5 to 15 March, exercises and combat firing with light AAA in the JUETERFOG area.	
	6th Gds AAA Div [ ]	In mid-March, the bulk of the troops at the posts; elements presumably at KOENIGSPRUECK for combat firing.	25X1
	32d AAA Div [ ]	From late February until mid-March, elements from KUESTRIN engaged in combat firing at JUETERFOG; 2 trains. [ ]	25X1
		[ ] were going to, and 2 trains were coming from, the training area; 2 trains with AAA troops dispatched in KUESTRIN, presumably, for WUSTROW on 23 and 25 March; 2 trains with light AAA troops dispatched in FRANKFURT/Oder, presumably for JUETERFOG, on 28 and 29 February.	25X1
	U/1 Engr Regt	At the post.	
	36th Pon Bridge Pegt	At the beginning of March, engaged in exercises, presumably together with units of the 19th Gds Meas Div, north or east of MAGDEBURG.	
Eighth Gds Army	13th AAA Div	On 5 March, elements returned from exercises in the ZEITZ-LOSSA area; on 1 and 2 March, elements of the 1173d Light AAA Regt moved to ALTENGRAEOW on two trains [ ]	25X1
	220th Hv Tank SP Regt	At the end of February and the beginning of April, elements in the PLAUE area and at OHRDRUP for exercises.	
	43d Gds Army Arty Frig	At the post in mid-March.	

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Group or Army	Unit	Activity and Location	
Eighth Gds Army	38th Army AT Arty Prig	From 28 February to 1 March, 3 shipments returned from OHRDRUF. [redacted] at the post in mid-March.	25X1
	308th Arty Brig [redacted]	At the post.	25X1
	316th RL Regt [redacted]	On 27 February 1 shipment returned from OHRDRUF.	
	497th AAA Regt [redacted]	On 7 March, 1 AAA shipment to WUSTROW or ALTENGRABOW (T).	
	39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	The bulk still at OHRDRUF; from 28 February to 7 March, infantry and artillery units from PLAUE, together with elements of the 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army and other army troops, engaged in maneuvers in the PLAUE-SCHLEITZ area.	
	20th Gds Mecz Div	From 24 February to 13 March, artillery and tank units at OHRDRUF; 4 trains went to, and 7 trains returned from, the training area; from 26 February to 4 March, 3 tank shipments to LETZLING HEATH.	
	94th RL Regt [redacted]	On 20 March, a shipment returned to LEIPZIG from ALTENGRABOW.	25X1
	57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	On 1 and 2 March, artillery and infantry units returned to NAUMBURG and LANGENSALZA from practices in LOSSA and subsequent combat firing at OHRDRUF.	
	21st Gds Mecz Div	On 1 March, major components returned to HALLE from exercises in LOSSA: 5 trains [redacted] from 13 to 22 March, all artillery units at LOSSA; from 20 to 27 March, tank units rotated to LOSSA at short terms.	25X1
	Engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army	From 20 to 28 March, arrival in the DESSAU area for exercises.	

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Group or Army	Unit	Activity and Location
Third Shock Army	3d Gds AAA Div	On 12 March, 1 shipment with medium AAA to WUSTROW (?).
	136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	On 2 March, 1 train with SP guns went presumably to LETZLING HEATH or ALTENGRAEW.
	20th Army AT Arty Frig	On 25 February, 1 shipment to SCHWERIN, presumably to exercises with the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div; on 1 March, 1 return from RUGE- NOW; on 3 March, 1 shipment to WOLMIRSTEDT, presumably for combat firing practice; return on 6 March.
	304th Arty Frig	On 4 March, elements to ALTEN- GRAEW, presumably in three shipments; on 21 March, elements to ALTENGRAEW on 1 train.
	U/i AAA Regt from PURG	On 5 March, 2 shipments of light and medium AAA went either to WUSTROW or ALTENGRAEW.
	207th Mtz Rifle Div	At the end of February, continuation of combat firing, presumably in the northern sector of LETZLING HEATH; on 13 March, 1 shipment possibly to LETZLING HEATH for combat firing; on 17 March, 1 train, presumably with units of the division from EXTENDAL, possibly went toward a northerly direction for exercises.
	19th Gds Mecz Div	On 5 March, return from exercises near the post or at LETZLING HEATH.
	4th Gds Arty Frig	On 2 March, 1 shipment loaded, presumably for combat firing practice.
	94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	At the end of February, elements of the division presumably engaged in exercises south of SCHWERIN; on 5 March, tank firing details presumably entrained for shipment to a training grounds for combat firing.
	18th Mecz Div	On 3 March, the majority of the 18th Mecz Regt from PERLEBERG departed for a 7-day exercise at SCHWEINRICH.

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Group or Army	Unit	Activity and Location	
First Gds Mecz Army	U/i Engr Regt	Bridge construction across the Elbe River at the MEISBERG engineer training site northwest of RIESA at the beginning of February.	
	4th Gds AAA Div	On 12 March, 2 trains went to WUSTROW for combat firing.	25X1
	8th Gds Mecz Div	From 14 to 21 February, headquarters exercise and maneuvers practices in the GRIMMA RIESA area. See also 65th Motor Brig of the 6th Arty Div; February and March, tank firing at KOENIGSERUECK.	25X1
	9th Tank Div	In mid-February, exercise and, presumably, combat firing in the ZEITHAIN area; at the end of March, tank firing at KOENIGSERUECK, 1 shipment.	
	11th Gds Tank Div	In February and March, exercises in the area southeast of KOENIGSERUECK and combat firing at KOENIGSERUECK.	
Second Gds Mecz Army	41st or 413d Pon Bridge Bn/ 88th Engr Regt (?)	At the end of February, water exercises near the post at NEUPRANDEBURG.	
	31st AAA Div	On 4 March, 1 train	25X1
		UNCODED	
		ALTENGRAFOW.	
	3d Light Arty Brig	From 23 February to 3 March, combat firing at JUETERBO with 4 trains going to and 2 trains returning from the training grounds.	25X1
		from 23 to 26 March, combat firing at JUETERBO, 3 trains going to the troop training grounds	25X1
		and 3 trains.	25X1
		turning from the training grounds	

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Group or Army	Unit	Activity and Location	
Second Gds Mecz Army	90th RL Regt	At the post prior to mid March.	25X1
	9th Gds Tank Div	From 25 February to 28 March, infantry and artillery units at JUETERBOG for 2-day combat firing; 4 trains went to the training grounds and 5 trains came back from the training grounds.	25X1
	12th Gds Tank Div	In February and March, artillery and mortar units for combat firing in JUETERBOG; 3 trains went to the training grounds on 21 March, and 2 trains returned on 23 and 24 March.	25X1
	1st Mecz Div	From 11 to 23 March, tank firing in the NFUSTRELITZ area; 2 trains went to the training area and 1 train returned.	
		from 18 to 22 March, the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Bn and other artillery units of the division engaged in combat firing at JUETERBOG; 5 trains went to the training grounds and 2 trains returned.	25X1
Third Gds Mecz Army	62d AAA Div	In late February, exercises and firing practices in the KUMERSDORF and JUETERBOG area; two trains went to WUST on 29 March.	25X1
	91st Gds RL Regt	In February and March in the Stalag, LUCKENWALDE and in the JUETERBOG training area.	25X1
	35th Engr Regt	On 7 March, construction of pontoon bridges and emergency bridges at Schunke Lake.	25X1
	14th Gds Mecz Div	At the post. Presumably combat firing at JUETERBOG.	
	6th Gds Tank	At the end of February and in mid-March, tank firing at WARDEN MARKENDORF; 8 trains went to the training area, and 2 trains returned.	25X1

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Group or Army	Unit	Activity and Location
Third Gds Mecz Army	7th Gds Tank Div	On 2 March. 2 trains [redacted] [redacted] went to JUETERFOG; exer- 25X1 cises south of DESSAU; on 13 March. 3 trains [redacted] [redacted] tanks to LETZLING 25X1 HEATH.
	9th Mecz Div	From 25 February to 1 March, exercise in the COTTBUS-PARUTH- JUETERFOG area with army troops of the Third Gds Mecz Army and RL Frig of the IV Arty Corps; continuous combat firing of all branches of service at WEISS- WASSER until 24 March; firing practice of light AAA units in JUETERFOG; on 23 March, troops in the barracks installations in LUEPTEN and SPRAMTERG; on 29 March, transfer of an engineer unit to MITTENBERG.
Fourth Gds Mecz Army	63d AAA Div [redacted]	From 1 to 21 March, firing 25X1 with light AAA at JUETERBOG; 2 trains from FUERSTENWALDE each to and from the training area, [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] 2 trains [redacted] from EBERSWALDE to the training area on 24 March.
	U/I AT Arty Frig from BERNAU	In mid-March, combat firing practice in TEMPLIN. 25X1
	312th Gds RL Regt	On 15 March, presumably 1 ship- ment, [redacted] to LIEBEROSE; 1 shipment to LIEBEROSE on 23 March and 1 return shipment on 26 March. 25X1
	6th Gds Mecz Div	From 2 to 22 March, firing of light AAA units at JUETERFOG; two trains [redacted] [redacted] to and from the training area; in mid-March tank units from EBERSWALDE for firing practice in TEMPLIN; in mid-March, artillery units from BERNAU for firing practice in TEMPLIN.

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Group or Army	Unit	Activity and Location	
Fourth Gds Mecz Army	7th Gds Mecz Div	On 12 March, two tank firing details went to LIEBEROSE on trains [redacted] the division received 14 flat-carloads with tanks from EREST LITOVSK. The tanks were consigned to LIEBEROSE.	25X1
	25th Tank Div	The elements stationed in ORANIENBURG were transferred to TEMPLIN. 2 to 5 March, 7 trains [redacted] From [redacted] were going to TEMPLIN; during the first half of March, elements of the division from PRENZLAU were rotated to TEMPLIN for combat firing.	25X1
	10th Gds Tank Div	In mid-March, tank firing at LETZLING HEATH, 4 trains [redacted] went to LETZLING HEATH and 1 train [redacted] returned.	25X1

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Annex 2

Short-Term Exercises and Combat Firing at TroopTraining Grounds in March 1953.OURDRUF

Firing practice by the 38th Army AT Arty Brig in late February and early March;  
firing practice by artillery and infantry units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in late February and early March;  
tank and artillery units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div engaged in practice in March.

KINDEL

Firing practice by individual artillery units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div after 1 March;  
exercise by a reinforced rifle regiment with tanks from the area of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps on 12 March.

LOSSA

Exercise by units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in late February;  
AT artillery firing practice by the 21st Gds Mecz Div from 13 to 22 March;  
tank firing practice by the 21st Gds Mecz Div from 20 to 27 March.

ALTENGRAPOW

Elements of the 34th Arty Div [ ] from 3 to 6 March;  
elements of the 6th Arty Div and 25th RL Brig from 20 to 22 March; small elements of the 304th Arty Brig [ ] of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps (?);  
light AAA units of the 1st Mecz Div from DOEPERITZ from 1 to 23 March;  
small elements of the 31st AAA Div of the Second Gds Mecz Army from 4 to 28 March;  
other elements of the 31st AAA Div of the Second Gds Mecz Army after 26 March;  
the 94th RL Regt [ ] of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps prior to 20 March, with 1 shipments having returned.

25X1

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LETZLING  
HEATH

Elements of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig [ ] of the Third Shock Army in early March;  
tank firing practice by the 20th Gds Mecz Div in early March;  
tank firing practice by the 7th Gds Tank Div in mid-March;  
combat firing practice by the 207th Mtz Rifle Div in the northern sector from late February to mid-March.

25X1

KOENIGSPRUECK

Tank firing practice by the 8th Gds Mecz Div and practice and combat firing by the 11th Gds Tank Div in February and March;  
Tank and artillery firing practice by components of the 9th Tank Div in late March.

ZEITHAIN

Presumably, combat firing practice and exercises by the 9th Tank Div.

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WEISSWASSER

Continuous combat firing practice by all branches  
of service of the 9th Mecz Div.

JUFTERFOG and  
WERDER-PARKEN-  
DORF

a. Artillery firing practice;

2d Light Arty Frig [ ] of the Second Gds Mecz  
Army in early and late March;  
9th Gds Tank Div of the Second Gds Mecz Army  
in early March;  
12th Gds Tank Div of the Second Gds Mecz Army  
in early March;  
1st Mecz Div of the Second Gds Mecz Army in  
late March;  
presumably all units, except for the 9th Mecz Div,  
of the Third Gds Mecz Army in March;  
the majority of the 34th Arty Div [ ] of the  
IV Arty Corps from 17 to 20 March.

25X1

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b. Tank firing practices;

6th Gds Tank Div and 14th Gds Mecz Div  
from February to mid-March.

c. Rocket launcher firing practices;

91st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army  
in March.

d. Firing practice by light AAA units:  
(exchange after three weeks)

32d AAA Div [ ] of the IV Arty Corps;  
2d Gds AAA Div of the IV Arty Corps;  
62d AAA Div [ ] of the Third Gds Mecz Army;  
9th Mecz Div and 14th Gds Mecz Div of the  
Third Gds Mecz Army;  
63d AAA Div [ ] of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;  
AAA units of the air force from WERNEUCHEN and  
FINOW.

25X1

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LIEFEROSE

Tank firing practice by the 7th Gds Mecz Div in  
mid-March;  
312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in  
mid and late March.

TEMPLIN

Assembly of the majority of the 25th Tank Div  
after early March. See paragraph 2 of EGM609  
Artillery and tank firing practice by the 6th Gds Mecz  
Div in mid-March.

SCHWEINRICH

Exercises by the 18th Mecz Div in early March;  
detrainment of tanks on 14 March.

NEUSTRELITZ  
Area

Tank firing practice by the 1st Mecz Div in mid-March.

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MUSTROW

Units definitely observed:

Elements of the 4th Gds AAA Div after 12 March;  
an air force AAA unit from BRAND after 18 March;  
elements of the 62d AAA Div [ ] after 23 March.

25X1

Units assumed to be stationed there:

Elements of the 497th AAA Regt [ ] from  
RUDOLSTADT after 7 March;  
elements of the 3d Gds AAA Div after 12 March;  
elements of the 32d AAA Div [ ] from KUPSTRIN  
after 25 March.

25X1

25X1

Engineer Training Sites

DESSAU Area

Engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army  
after 20 March.

Area East of  
WITTENBERG

Engineer units of the 9th Mecz Div  
after 29 March.

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